CLAIMS:

1.   A medical image processing method comprising the steps
of:

     (a) obtaining image data representing an image recorded
5   by radiography;

     (b)   obtaining   photographing   information   data
representing photographing information to be displayed on a
screen;

     (c) determining position and size on the screen in which
10   the   photographing   information   represented   by   the
photographing information data obtained at step (b) is to be
displayed; and

     (d) adding the photographing information data to one of
the   image   data   and   image   attendant   information   which   is
15   attendant upon the image data, and outputting the added data.

2.   A medical image processing method according to claim 1,
wherein:

     step (a) includes generating the image data by reading
the image recorded by the radiography; and

20   step   (b)   includes   generating   the   photographing
information data on the basis of photographing condition of
the image in the radiography.

3.   A medical image processing method according to claim 2,
wherein:

25   step   (a)   includes   generating   the   image   attendant

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information including information with respect to the photographing condition of the image in the radiography; and

step (b) includes automatically selecting one kind of photographing information data from plural kinds of photographing information data on the basis of the image attendant information.

4. A medical image processing method according to claim 2, wherein step (b) includes selecting the photographing information data on the basis of a user's instruction.

5. A medical image processing method according to claim 1, wherein:

step (a) includes receiving the image data representing the image recorded by the radiography and read by an image reader, and the image attendant information including information with respect to photographing condition of the image in the radiography; and

step (b) includes generating the photographing information data on the basis of the image attendant information.

6. A medical image processing method according to claim 5, wherein the image attendant information further includes information with respect to a size of the image and information with respect to rotation and/or inversion of the image.

7. A medical image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

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converting a plurality of characters input in accordance with plural kinds of photographing condition into plural kinds of image data; and

recording the plural kinds of image data as plural kinds

5   of photographing information data.

8.   A medical image processing method according to claim 1, wherein step (d) includes superposing the photographing information data into the image data in accordance with the position and the size on the screen determined at step (c),

10   and outputting the superposed data.

9.   A medical image processing method according to claim 1, wherein step (d) includes adding the photographing information data to the image attendant information and outputting the added data.

15   10.   A medical image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of changing the photographing information data obtained at step (b).

11.   A medical image processing apparatus comprising:

first means for obtaining image data representing an

20   image recorded by radiography;

second means for obtaining photographing information data representing photographing information to be displayed on a screen;

third means for determining position and size on the

25   screen in which the photographing information represented by

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the photographing information data obtained by said second means is to be displayed; and

fourth means for adding the photographing information data to one of the image data and image attendant information

5   which is attendant upon the image data, and outputting the added data.

12.   A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:

said first means generates the image data by reading the

10   image recorded by the radiography; and

said second means generates the photographing information data on the basis of photographing condition of the image in the radiography.

13.   A medical image processing apparatus according to claim

15   12, wherein:

said first means generates the image attendant information including information with respect to the photographing condition of the image in the radiography; and

said second means automatically selects one kind of

20   photographing information data from plural kinds of photographing information data on the basis of the image attendant information.

14.   A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second means selects the photographing

25   information data on the basis of a user's instruction.

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15. A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:

said first means receives the image data representing the image recorded by the radiography and read by an image reader, and the image attendant information including information with respect to photographing condition of the image in the radiography; and

said second means generates the photographing information data on the basis of the image attendant information.

16. A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the image attendant information further includes information with respect to a size of the image and information with respect to rotation and/or inversion of the image.

17. A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

means for converting a plurality of characters input in accordance with plural kinds of photographing condition into plural kinds of image data; and

means for recording the plural kinds of image data as plural kinds of photographing information data.

18. A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said fourth means superposes the photographing information data into the image data in accordance with the position and the size on the screen determined by said third

means, and outputs the superposed data.

19.   A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said fourth means adds the photographing information data to the image attendant information and

5 outputs the added data.

20.   A medical image processing apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising means for changing the photographing information data obtained by said second means.